

England and Wales Census

England “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Answer Key

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1. Find Charlotte Bronte in the 1841 census using FamilySearch.org. There is only one with that spelling.

What was her occupation?	Governess
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2. A friend is looking for William Might, who was born approximately 1877 in Westminster St. Margaret.

In which census might you start the search to locate William?	1881
What is his full name and age?	William the Conqueror Might 4 years old
What are the names and ages of his brothers?	Peter the Great Might, 4 years old, John Might, 11 years old

3. Your neighbor asks you to help her find an ancestor named Tabitha Colwill who she believes was born about 1857 in Hartland, Devon, England.

In which census would search to find the first entry for Tabitha?	1861
What are the names of her parents?	John and Tabitha. Hint: Her parents' names are recorded on the previous page.

4. A friend is searching for his ancestor named Walter Donaldson who lived in Tynemouth, Northumberland. He was born sometime between 1820 and 1830.

In which census would you have him start his search?	1841
What is Walter's age and occupation?	12 years old, Coal Miner. Hint: The last name is not listed on Walter's line in the image, but on the the head of the household, listed on the previous page.
What are the names, ages, and occupations (if listed) of the other family members?	Walter, 40, (head of household) Laborer Catherine, 40 William, 20, Coal Miner James, 18, Coal Miner Margaret, 15 Agnes, 8 Jane, 5

